



Match Report

Opponent: Virginia Tech

Date: 25 Mar 06

Match: Navy 63 VA Tech 0

A Side

Navy started its quest for a National Title this weekend at home playing Virginia Tech on Farragut Field. Navy began the game with a kickoff that found touch, giving VA Tech a scrum at midfield. Navy's pack overpowered Virginia Tech's scrum and drove them over the ball, leaving the ball wide open for senior 8-man Jake Womble to pick up. After shaking a defender on the blind side, Womble passed to ball to senior wing Lane Drummond who turned the corner for a walk-in try, no conversion. (Navy 5 VA Tech 0). Soon after, Navy had a scrum at about the 50 meter line. After multi-phase play by Navy, third-class flanker Andrew Vagley picked the ball out of a ruck and placed it in for a try, Drummond conversion (Navy 12 VA Tech 0). Navy continued pounding down Virginia Tech's throat, finding themselves back on the VATEch goal line several minutes later. This time second-class lock Adam Bosma received the ball off a switch from senior scrumhalf Mac Marrone at the goal line and powered in for the try, Drummond conversion (Navy 19 VA Tech 0). Two minutes later, second-class fly half Graham Cleveland

skipped the ball out to senior fullback Eric McElvenny who ran the ball for 40 meters until dumping it back inside to Womble, who finished the 20 meters for a try, Drummond conversion (Navy 26 VA Tech 0). A few minutes later, Womble again joined the back line. After breaking a couple of tackles, he offloaded the ball to Bosma. Bosma pinned the last defender then gave the ball to Drummond for another try in the corner, missed conversion (Navy 31 VA Tech 0). After ten minutes of back and forth play, Marrone took a tap and go penalty by himself seven meters out for another Navy try, missed conversion (Navy 36 VA Tech 0). Virginia Tech's kickoff did not go 10 meters, giving Navy a scrum at midfield. Navy went week and gave the ball to McElvenny, who ran half the distance to the goal, then passed to second-class wing Adam Niznik for the try, missed conversion (Navy 41 VA Tech 0).

Virginia Tech kicked off to start the second half. Eight minutes into the half, Navy gave the ball to Cleveland off a lineout, who then dummied to the inside center, giving the ball to Drummond on the weak wing. After two more phases, Cleveland offloaded

to second-class center Kevin Peterson right off his hip, who then gave the ball to Niznik for the try, missed conversion (Navy 46 VA Tech 0). Ten minutes later, there was another Navy lineout around Virginia Tech's 22 meter line. Cleveland gave a miss pass out to McElvenny inserting who ran in for a walk in try, third-class center Jordan Fogler conversion (Navy 53 VA Tech 0). Virginia Tech countered with some strong offensive. Navy's defense held strong on the goal line, including a huge effort on defense by second-class prop Steve Schmitt. Navy then turned the offense back on. Two phases after a Navy scrum, Marrone gave the ball to senior hooker Chris Gonzales for a try, missed conversion (Navy 58 VA Tech 0). Navy continued its offense with another long run. Fogler gave the ball to Niznik, who finally offloaded to McElvenny for the try for the final try of the game, missed conversion (Navy 63 VA Tech 0).

Scoring Stats:

Trys

Bosma
Drummond x2
Gonzales
Marrone
McElvenny x2
Niznik x2
Vagley
Womble

Penalties Missed

Drummond

Conversions made

Drummond x3
Fogler

Conversions missed

Drummond x5
Fogler x2

Cards

None

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